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SUBJECT: JORDAN-BASED COMPANY REPEATS OFAC LICENSE REQUEST

REF: A) AMMAN 2374 B) 03/17/03 OFAC LETTER FROM MILLS
TO DCM

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1. (SBU) In response to letter delivered APRIL 16 as requested in REF B, recipient Dr. Muwaffak Haddadin, Director General, Arab Company for Drug Industries and Medical Appliances (ACIDMA) asked that we pass along his response on behalf of the company addressed to OFAC's David Mills. Haddadin told us that he presented the letter to the company's Board of Directors, and subsequently the Board voted to resubmit the request. Original will be sent via pouch to OFAC. Body of the letter follows:

Begin text:

Thank you for your letter FAC NO. IQ-210714 dated March 10, 2003, which was handed to me by Mr. Gregory G. Garramone, Economic Officer, Embassy of the United States of America in Amman, Jordan.

In the light of the new developments in Iraq, and the new position of the American Government to lift the sanctions on Iraq, the Arab Company for Drug Industries and Medical Appliances (ACIDMA) would like to repeat its request for a specific license to unblock funds in the amount of US \$4,464,726.50 from the blocked account of Rafidain Bank at the Bank of New York as per its letter to the U.S. Department of Treasury No.3/2/249 dated January 20, 2003 (copy attached for easy reference).

Thanking you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Muwaffak J. Haddadin
ACDIMA/Director General

End text.
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